

HOUSE BILL 1979

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 37; Title 41 and Title 49, relative to the funding of education services to children in residential treatment facilities or mental health facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-3-3__.

(a) A local board of education shall allocate funding to licensed residential treatment centers where students have been admitted in an amount equal to the per student state and local funds received by the LEA. Such funding allocation shall be in addition to all funds allocated pursuant to federal law and regulation including, but not limited to, Title 1 and ESEA funds. The allocation shall be in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the department of education.

(b) The department of education shall promulgate rules and regulations that provide for the determination of the allocation of state and local funds as provided in subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.